

W. C. T. U. Column.



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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS:
ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES:
Total Abstinence; Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

Conference on the Interstate Liquor Traffic.

A call has been issued for a national conference at Washington, D. C., December 12-14, to consider the growing evils of the interstate liquor traffic. The call is signed by ten governors of States, fourteen ex-governors, and many congressmen, judges, ministers and prominent business men. We quote:

It is a well-established principle that the liquor traffic is not only a proper subject for legislation, but the several States under their police powers may regulate, restrict, and even prohibit this traffic within their borders.

The proposition will hardly be questioned that, in the exercise of these police powers over the liquor traffic, the States should in no wise be hampered in the enforcement of their policies by Federal regulations.

So long as those who care to take the risk of conducting an illegal traffic can be supplied with liquors under the interstate commerce laws of the Federal Government, the States are called upon to meet not only grave abuses, but practical difficulties in law enforcement, which otherwise would not exist.

We cannot believe that it was contemplated in the adoption of the Federal Constitution that no substantial relief could be afforded the citizens of the sovereign States who are compelled to suffer the evil consequences of interstate commercial transactions in articles of trade which have been outlawed from the domestic traffic of these States.

With eight States having prohibited the liquor traffic as a State-wide policy, with practically every other State having large amounts of "dry" territory secured under local option, so that fully one-half of the people of the United States are now free from the legal saloon, we believe the time has come to secure some practical solution of this interstate liquor problem.

We hereby invite governors, ex-governors, attorney-generals, ex-attorney-generals, members of Congress and of the various legislatures, and other officials in national, State and municipal governments, together with business men, citizens, pastors of churches, and others who are trying to reach a satisfactory solution of this problem, to arrange their affairs so as to be in attendance at this conference which is to consider a question so vital to the highest interests of the whole people.

As it is not contemplated that any permanent or new organization shall be effected, but only an open conference of those who believe that speedy relief should be afforded along the lines indicated in this call, it is not deemed best to provide for any special rules of representation in the conference other than those already herein set forth. It is suggested, however, that in order to secure proper representation, the different reform organizations, denominational bodies and other societies specially interested in the question may name not to exceed five of their officers or members to join others as indicated above as delegates in the conference.

As this call has been initiated by the Anti-Saloon League of America, it is agreed that the making of the program and the selection of the place of meeting shall be left to the officials of that organization, and that when this call has been signed by not fewer than fifty persons, this League is authorized to proceed with the arranging of the program and the proper announcements relative thereto.—Herald and Presbyter.

The Saloon and Murder.

The sixty-two greatest saloon counties in Texas, having but one-sixth of the total population of the State, have, according to the last Attorney-General's report, covering the years of 1907-08, 331 murderers or nearly one-third of all the murderers in the State, or twice their proportionate share. The dozen strongest prohibition counties of the State, also containing one-sixth of the population furnished but 71 of the murders,

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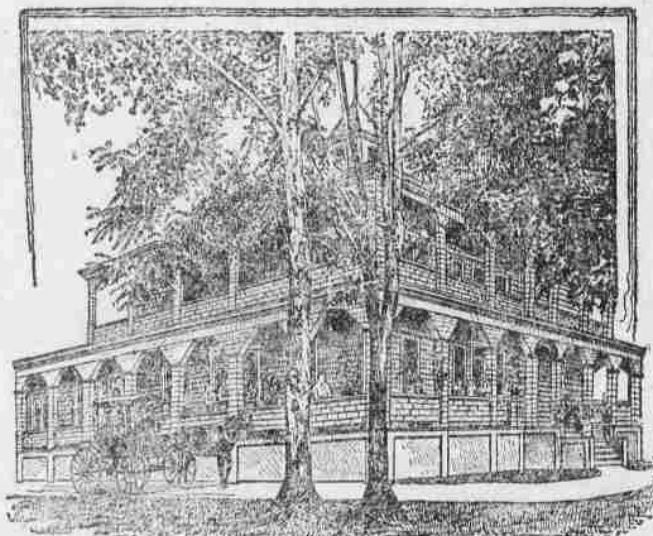
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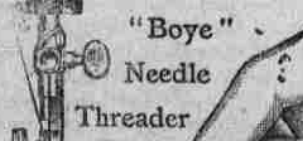
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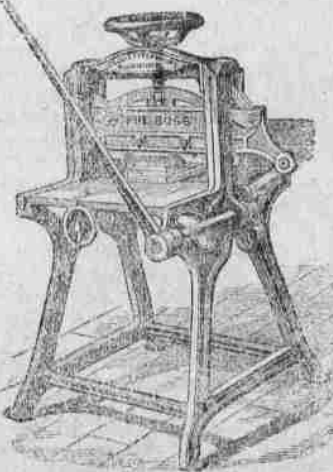
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